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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairmen, Technical Development Board, PIC

FROM: Chief, PAD

SUBJECT: Staff Study - Procurement of [redacted] In-
stallation for PAD in [redacted]

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1. The following staff study is submitted to TDB to provide the basis for evaluating the need for the purchase of a [redacted] installation.

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2. PROBLEM: Specialized project briefings for consultants and intelligence community groups require multiple screen projection utilizing random access projectors. To date only make-shift briefing facilities have been available.

3. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM:

a. [redacted] in response to an inquiry from PAD as authorized by TDB, and subsequent pre-contract contact approval by PIC/SS, has submitted a proposal for installation of specified [redacted] equipment in the PAD project briefing room [redacted] (Copies of this proposal have been forwarded to all members of TDB.)

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b. Several contacts were made with [redacted] the latest being a meeting at NPIC with [redacted] of the [redacted] office and attended by [redacted] of PAD, and [redacted] of INM. At this meeting, the specific needs of PAD were stated and all such needs except one have been adequately incorporated into the current proposal. The one exception being stereo projection which will be handled separately [redacted]

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c. [redacted] has quoted the following costs (see proposal for greater detail):

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GSA items
Non-GSA items including
TOTAL - [redacted] Technical Services

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4. DISCUSSION: [redacted]

a. A conventional briefing room with a single screen and rolling wall panels is not designed for or very adaptable

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to the types of briefings required of PAD. In the past, improvised multiple screens have been hung from the ceiling and propped up on waste baskets. For each screen a separate projectionist had to be provided; therefore, five screens required five projectionists, and endless rehearsing to properly present an adequate briefing.

b. The [] system provides one large screen 5'9" x 14' that may be used as a single screen, or as many as five separate screens. One to five projectors may be used, requiring only one projectionist, since all five projectors are automatically programed and controlled by the speaker. The projectionist actually is only insurance in case a projector needs attention during a briefing.

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c. The projection system provides random access to all projectors to recall any slide at any time. The system also provides a high quality audio system, ceiling mounted loudspeakers, ceiling mounted conference microphones and 3-speed tape recorder.

d. PAD personnel have visited several [] installations including briefing rooms at the U. S. Army Ordnance Missile School, U. S. Navy CNO Briefing Theatre, Defense Atomic Support Agency, and at Dugway Proving Grounds.

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5. CONCLUSIONS:

The proposed [] installation would greatly improve and expedite project briefings conducted by PAD. Considerable time would be saved in preparation, rehearsal, and utilization of as many as five PIs for projectionists. Slide materials would be stored in cartridges used in the projectors. For any given briefing once the slides are selected and arranged all operations are automatically programed. If any one in the audience wishes to see any slide previously projected all projectors provide random access controlled by the speaker.

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6. RECOMMENDATION:

The TDB is urged to recommend to the Director, NPIC, that contract negotiations be concluded for the proposed [] installation in the PAD area [] and that fiscal 1962 funds of approximately [] be provided.

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